

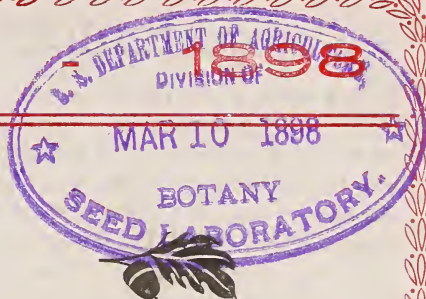
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# DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE & PRICE LIST



**Pedigree Seed Potatoes**

**CHOICE** —

**Strawberry Plants, etc.**

*Grown and for sale at the*

**Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm**

—BY—

**JOHN W. HALL,**

**Marion Station,**

**Somerset Co., Md.**

*Being on the line of the N. Y., P. & N. Railroad, we have unsurpassed facilities for prompt, safe and cheap shipments North, East, South and West.*

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# Customers and Friends.

We have great pleasure again of presenting to our many customers and friends our Catalogue for 1898, which is our traveling agent, please take care of him for future reference. I am very grateful for the liberal patronage extended us in 1897, which was a business season with us, for this we thank our many friends who have so kindly favored us with their patronage, for by their aid, together with our special pains in filling orders promptly, correctly, and above all, they are true to name, to such as the aforesaid we owe our prosperity. Our aim is to please our customers, always feeling sure we shall receive the reward due to such efforts. It has ever been our motto to supply honest goods at fair prices. We have no fear of holding those who have once dealt with us, of our new friends we only ask for a trial order, and we feel sure that you will be so well pleased that you will continue to give us your orders. I am confident that a careful perusal of the following pages will convince you that it is to your advantage to do so. We could fill pages of testimonials, but want of space forbids, nor would you have time to read them all. If we can please others we ought to please you.

**The stock we are offering** this year for spring planting is large, and the very best quality that can be given. Our greatest aim is to tell the truth and describe everything honestly. Again thanking our past patrons for orders placed with us and their kindness in recommending our stock to their many friends. With best wishes for the new year, I remain. Yours respectfully,

JOHN W. HALL.

**Order early** while stock is complete, so you may secure first-class stock of the leading varieties, and also avoid the rush. Later in the season we have many orders to fill, and the season being short, by ordering early it gives us ample time to get stock out and off in proper condition. We never dig plants until ordered.

**Our Shipping Season.**—We can get stock out in good time for our southern customers during the mild weather in winter, anytime after receiving this catalogue, and as late as the 10th of May for northern customers.

**Terms, Etc.**—Orders from unknown parties must be accompanied with the cash or satisfactory reference given before shipment. In ordering please be sure to write your name and address plainly, post office, county, and state; do this every time you write, not only post office address, but express or freight office, also state by what method and route you prefer having them shipped. I deliver goods free on board of cars, or to the Express Company, making no charge for cases or packing. I will make a discount on early orders for potatoes to help me over the rush in busy season. All orders sent me with pay during the month of February may deduct 5 per cent., March 3 per cent. Should I be out of any variety ordered, I will substitute others of equal or greater value unless otherwise ordered. We invite correspondence. The prices in this Catalogue abrogates all previous quotations. We have special low express rates.

**How Best to Remit.**—By Registered letter, Bank Draft, Check, to my order; by Postoffice money order on Marion Station, Md., Express Money Order or by Express Postage Stamps, taken for fractional parts of a dollar, 1 and 2 cent stamps preferred.

**Reference.**—Postmaster or Express agent at Marion Station, Md., or John Sterling, Cashier of the Bank at Crisfield, Md. The best is good enough for us all, therefore send all orders to  
SOMERSET COUNTY.

JOHN W. HALL,  
Marion Station, Md.



## OUR SECOND CROP SEED POTATOES.

Plant them and you will get more potatoes to the acre of marketable size, and you will be sure to lead your neighbors in earliness, price and productiveness. A change of seed always pays, especially from one crop seed, to our second crop seed. Our second crop seed potatoes are the best grown, if you will try them they will do you good. To those who have not been planting our potatoes, we feel constrained to ask you give them a trial this season, knowing that you will be more than pleased with the results. We saw in the Agricultural papers last spring where so many persons planted one crop seed which failed to germinate and come up, because of the unfavorable season. This can be avoided to a great extent by planting Hall's true second crop seed, as they have the vitality to stand the cold and wet weather, they will come up and make a fine crop. Our seed potatoes are not affected by blight, rust, or any other kind of disease. I sold more second crop seed potatoes last fall, and have more orders on hand for spring shipment than I have ever done before. Orders will be acknowledged as received, and forwarded as soon as weather permits for spring planting. I send my potatoes out in round hoop flour barrels; when so desired I will pack two or more kinds in the same barrel without extra charge.

### **WHY THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO HOME OR NORTHERN GROWN SEED.**

The advantage of second-crop seed over one crop or home grown seed are that they do not sprout, or shrivel, or lose one particle of their vigor through the winter, having been checked before maturity by frost. They lie dormant, ready to grow most vigorous when planted. They rarely send up more than one sprout. This sprout may divide into several branches, the consequence is that all the growth goes into the tubers, they do not form as many tubers to the hill as matured seed and they grow full marketable size, 12 to 15 days earlier than ordinary seed with very few small ones; they are more profitable, because of their uniform size, they come after planting nearly all at once strong and vigorous. Not only in a wet season are our second crop seed potatoes so much superior to one crop seed but in case of drought the superiority of second crop seed is always demonstrated. They do not send up as large quantity of shoots and vines to suck the moisture from the ground in case of drought. Our customers report the superior size of the potatoes from our seed. We grow second crop exclusively for planting purposes in a favorable season. These potatoes grow rapidly and reach good size, but if small they will produce a fine crop. They are also superior for eating purposes.

### **TRUE SECOND-CROP SEED POTATOES.**

I advertised these second crop seed potatoes for the first time in 1883, and I was the only one for eleven years. When we offered these seed potatoes we were certain that our enterprise would grow from the start and prove a success. We had tried them several years before advertising them for sale and it was only necessary for growers North, East, South and West to give them a trial and the results were just what we expected, larger and more profitable potatoes everywhere than from any one crop of matured seed, no matter where grown. In early potatoes we have nothing but true pedigree second crop seed. The number of years that we have been selling these seed we never had a customer to say that we have ever sent him anything but second crop seed. Thousands of barrels of the so-called second crop seed are sold every year for seed, especially North. Second crop seed potatoes are still a novelty in some sections, and it is only necessary to try them to be convinced of their merits. The agricultural papers in the past few years have had much to say about these second crop seed, and I have published several articles from the press.

## **CHOICE SEED AND NEW BLOOD VERY ESSENTIAL.**

What I mean by pedigree is, the concentrated extract of skill and care by raising it so the product will be too valuable for mere eating. My system of second cropping and by using only good sized, smooth, carefully selected and pure seed, they have not deteriorated, but constantly improved year by year. High breeding is just as much a necessity in the case of potatoes as in that of cattle or sheep, and as with stock, a considerable advantage can be gained by purchasing good seed at the start. To take the average crop of potatoes as grown on the farm and attempt to improve by selecting the best would improve about as fast as to take common scrub animals of any kind. The Early Rose was the first potato that we second cropped, and they have improved all the time. These second crop potatoes can only be grown successfully in localities favored with long seasons, and only early varieties can be grown. No better section in the United States than this for growing second crop seed.

Why use or buy poor seed when you can get good? In order to grow a good crop of potatoes we must have good seed to start with. It is very poor economy to save \$1.00 or even \$1.50 or more per barrel between good and poor seed. It costs as much in every other way to raise a good crop from poor seed as from good, while in nearly every case the difference in the value of good seed with deteriorated sorts, realizing a small yield each year from them will find it to their advantage to change their seed and secure an increased yield with the same outlay of land and labor. Second-crop potatoes are hard to grow and I cannot compete in price with ordinary one crop seed. It is our business to raise the best seed potatoes that grow.

## **TWO KINDS OF SO-CALLED SECOND CROP POTATOES.**

There are many late crop potatoes raised from seed kept over, these are being sold as second crop seed north. These are planted early in July and reach maturity, and will sprout in the kiln just as bad as northern seed. This kind of a second crop is really not different from the very late crop grown in various sections of the north. They are merely late potatoes usually stopped before fully matured by frost. Growers who want to try true Second-Crop Seed should be sure to get potatoes raised from the early crop of the same season. True second crop potatoes are those grown from seed that is taken from an early crop of the same season.

If you plant potatoes, you want a good yield. It will pay you to buy your seed stock from us if early varieties of great yield is what you want, we have a number of different potato growers who buy largely and regularly every year, because they find it pays them to do so. Why plant home grown, or northern seed and get 80 to 150 bushels per acre, why not plant our second crop seed and get 200 to 400 bushels per acre of fine potatoes as many others have done.

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Queen County, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1896. Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I received a letter from you last week, asking about my potato crop this season. It was very good take it all through, about as good I think as I ever had. The crop from all kinds of seed that I purchased from you were very fine. I think I had about 3 acres of Crown Jewell that were the best of any ones in the neighborhood. All my second crop did very good. I am perfectly satisfied with them.

Yours respectfully, ALBERT VAN NOSTRAND.

Mr. Albert Van Nostrand has been buying Second Crop Seed Potatoes from me every year since the spring 1891. In spring 1897 he bought 40 barrels, he has ordered again for the spring 1898, 38 barrels.



## Counterfeit Second Crop Seed Potatoes.

From Prof. W. F. Massey, Agricultural Experiment Station, North Carolina, published in *Practical Farmer*, Philadelphia, July 6, 1896:—The growing importance of the second crop of potatoes raised in the South, especially for seed, and the fact that there are a great many people even in the south who do not fully understand the superiority of the real second crop for spring planting, induces me to give these questions a fuller answer than we usually give in the regular query department. So much has been said in regard to the value of these second crop potatoes for spring planting that many persons North have been induced to try them there. Where the true second crop seed potatoes have been used, the verdict is favorable to their use. But unfortunately in the development of any new process, there are always some who try to palm off counterfeits for the real thing. Last fall before the second crop potatoes being grown for seed in the South were fairly under way in growth, there were parties advertising second crop seed ready to ship in October; the growers in the Middle States evidently imagining that any late grown Fall crop were second crop potatoes. The Fall crop, so advertised was from localities north of the sections where the true second crop can be produced with certainty, and their potatoes were simply late potatoes grown from the seed of the previous year and fully matured. Potatoes of this class when tried North will of course be found inferior to the seed grown there, for they will sprout in the cellar even more readily than the Northern grown seed; and it is one point of not sprouting before planting which gives the southern second crop its superiority.

From *American Agriculturist*, December 18, 1897.—High Priced Seed Potatoes.—We understand that certain seedsmen who make a specialty of furnishing potatoes for planting, are already holding their stock of standard varieties at \$4 per barrel at their local depot, buyers to pay freight. It certainly looks as though good sound seed stock would be comparatively scarce and high by the time the planting season arrives. One trouble is that the '97 crop was not only short, but in many cases was so affected by blight or rust, that the tubers are unsound and rot easily. It is probable that Canada will supply a considerable portion of seed stock next spring, as at prevailing or higher prices, the tariff of 25 cents per bushel, will not stand in the way. An urgent demand for seed potatoes in the South is reported from various states. This is especially true of Tennessee, Arkansas and portions of Texas, where the second crop of potatoes in many instances is a practical failure. Seed potatoes will be extremely scarce and high.

From the *Farm and Fireside*, Springfield, Ohio, March 15, 1895.—The potato grower who has a home market for his crop and wants to be first in that market will find it to his advantage to use second crop seed potatoes. These tubers, if small, are full of vitality, and whether planted whole or cut send up but one sprout. The plants grow vigorously and the new tubers grow to marketable size in less time than those from ordinary seed. For an extra early crop growers will make no mistake in planting the true second crop seed of good varieties of potatoes. In the south two crops of potatoes are often grown the same season. The second plant is made in mid summer with seed from the first crop. The second crop grows until frost and its product is the true second seed recommended.

From Gardning, Chicago, Ill., April number, 1895:—Good potatoes for amateur to grow. I consider the two best potatoes to grow are the Thorburn for early, and the State of Main for late and main crop. Were I to plant only one variety, I would plant Puritan. This is a trifle later than Thorburn. These three varieties are first in quality. they also have the merits of productiveness and giving a larger share of their tubers, nice size and smooth. I have always grown the nicest early potatoes from second crop seed, grown in Maryland by J. W. Hall of Marion Station. The true second crop are sure to sprout and grow, are earlier and produces fewer small ones.

SILAS L. ALBERTSON, Long Island, N. Y.

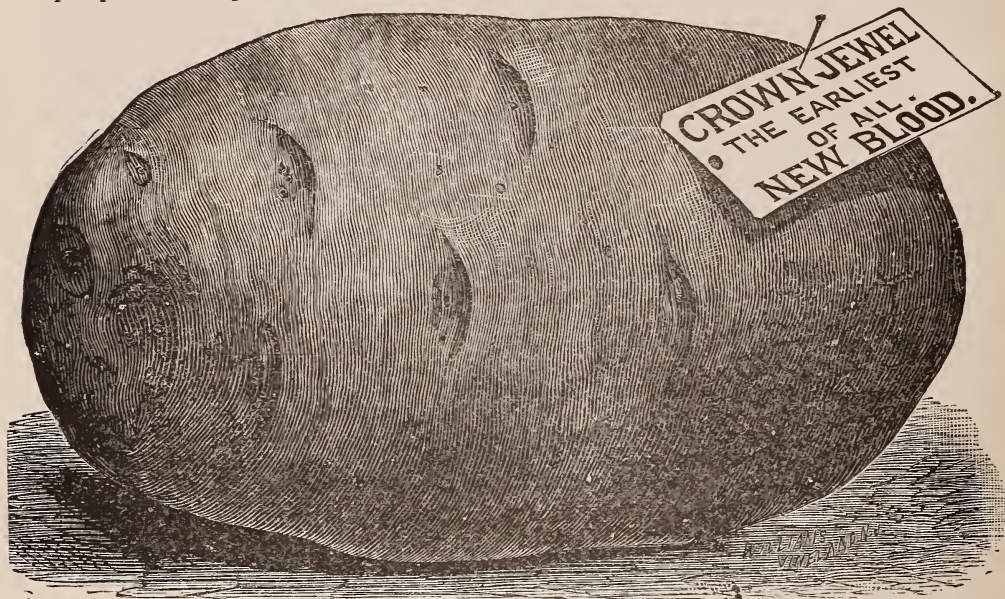
Mr. Silas L. Albertson has ordered 40 bbls. of second-crop seed for spring planting.

## Description of Hall's Pedigree 2d Crop Seed Potatoes

I put on the market second crop seed of only the very best and most prolific early varieties knowing they do well North, East, South and West. There are so many new varieties largely advertised, which have no special merit, that we endeavor to offer those that we know to be the best only.

Catalogue prices are for Seed potatoes running in size from pullet eggs up to goose eggs. I have a few barrels of each variety of small seed at \$1.00 per barrel less than list price. Our seed potatoes please all.

**Potatoes by Mail.**—The price of all varieties except when noted is 30 cents per pound or 4 pounds for \$1 00, post paid to any address, except Bovee.



**CROWN JEWEL.**—Every claim we have made for this has been fully substantiated by our potato growers all over the country. It is a seedling of the Early Ohio. The seed balls were found in a large field of that well known variety and it partakes of all the pure and unadulterated qualities of its excellent parent. Its skin is white with a flesh tint' pure, white and floury, cooking evenly through. The vines grow vigorous, the roots extend very deep into the soil, thus resisting drouth. Its keeping qualities are equal to the best, making it one of the very best early potatoes grown. Try Hall's High Bred Second Crop Crown Jewel. Price per peck 75c; bushel, \$2; barrel, \$4.50.

**THE BOVEE POTATO.**—The earliest of all, offered for the first time last season by Peter Henderson & Co., and described by them as follows: Not only is it the earliest, but it takes a leading place among first earlies. It is even earlier than Early Ohio. The Bovee in all competitive trials has out yielded all the early potatoes, and in many of the tests conducted by Experiment Stations and private growers, it has outyielded even the late varieties, including such heavy cropping kinds as Carman No. 1, Empire State, Rural New Yorker, No. 2; Irish Daisy, Brownell's Winner, Maggie Murphy, Great Divide and others. The vines are dwarf and stocky, the tubers grow remarkably close, all bunched together in the hill, close up to the vine. They size up to a marketable size



more evenly than any potato we ever saw. none too large or too small, practically the whole crop being merchantable.

We gave this potato a thorough trial the past season, and we think for an early potato it will prove to be one of the very best grown and a large cropper. Do not fail to try our second crop seed of this variety this season. Order early, stock limited. Price, tubers per lb., 35 cents; 3 lbs 75cts; peck \$1.00; bushel \$2.50.

**BLISS TRIUMPH** is an early variety. This has given satisfaction particularly in the south. Very productive and excellent quality. Price per peck 80c; bushel, \$2; barrel, \$5.

**VICK'S EARLY PRIDE.**—Introduced by E. H. Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Pronounced by those who planted it on trial to be superior to all early sorts. They grow smooth, large size and are in fact a first class potato as to yielding quality, and all that goes to make a No. 1 potato. This with me has proved a fine early potato. It is one of the finest rose potatoes we have. Send in your order for this valuable new early variety. It is a good one and will please you. Price per peck, 85c; bushel, \$2; barrel, \$5.25.

**EARLY NORTHER**—Originated by Geo. W. P. Jerrad, Maine. It is an early potato adapted to all kinds of soil. In shape, color, and season of ripening it duplicates its parent, Early Rose. Eating qualities good. Price per peck 85c; bushel, \$2.00. barrel, \$5.

**NORTH POLE.**—This potato was put on the market by John Lewis Childs of New York, as the earliest of all potatoes. This is the same type as the Early Rose. Some of my customers like it much better than the Rose. It is a good one. Price per peck 80c; Bushel, \$2.

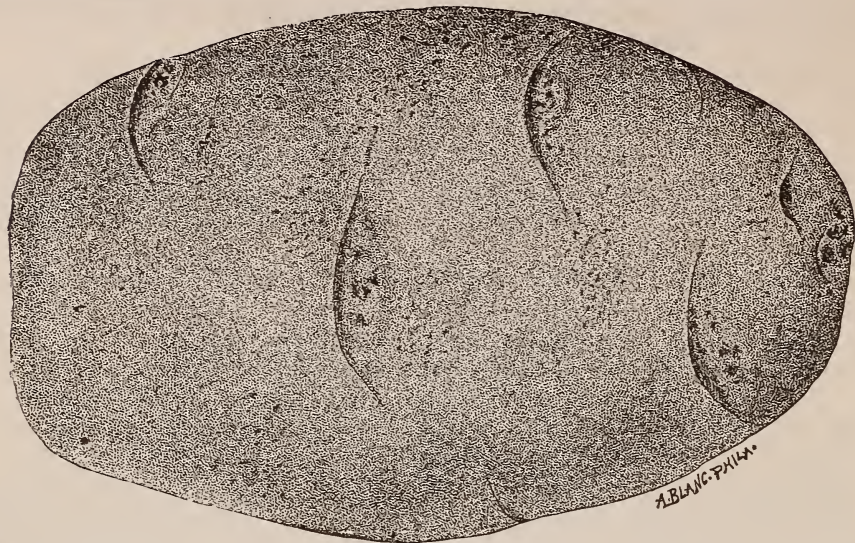
**EARLY FORTUNE.**—The Early Fortune introduced by F. B. Mills in 1893 is making a wonderful record wherever planted. It is one of the strongest growers among early varieties. It has made such unusual development in three respects, its ripening qualities, enormous productiveness, and the strong and vigorous growth it makes, and it is such a good potato that I do not think it can be too highly praised for its merits. Its handsome form and color is similar to that of the Early Rose. Price per peck 85c; bushel, \$2.25.

**NEW QUEEN.**—Introduced from Maine. It has not failed to yield as surprisingly beautiful crop of handsome potatoes as ever seen. It grows large size, mealy and closely resembles the White Elephant and Beauty of Hebron in color and shape. The introducer claims this to be the earliest and best yielder, superior in quality, of any variety yet introduced. Price per peck, 80c; bushel, \$2;

**BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY**—First introduced six years ago, very early, oval, skin white with flesh tint eyes even with surface, giving the tuber a handsome appearance. They are uniformly of good size with very few small ones. The flesh is pure white, extra fine grained and of best tasting quality. The tubers grow compact in the hill with strong, healthy, deep green foliage. Samuel Wilson, Mechanicsville, Pa., says: "It has proved the best early potato for a main crop we have ever tried." Try it, it's fine. Price per peck, 80c; per bushel, \$2.00; per barrel, \$5.00. See discounts.

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\* From Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa., March number, 1895:—Many farmers are successfully planting seed potatoes grown in the south known as second crop seed, which means that they were grown late from first crop seed and that they retain through the winter their freshness and are in condition to grow with vigor in the spring. J. W. Hall, of Marion Station, Md., was the first to bring second crop seed to the attention of Northern planters. Farm Journal says no better seed grown.



**EARLY ROSE.**—Is the standard potato. From this many of the newer sorts have originated such as Early Vermont, Early Sunrise, Early Maine, and several other varieties, and today Hall's Early Rose is much the best of the same family. In many hands by careless selection of seed, it has deteriorated in yield and uniformity of the tubers. It improved with me all the time. Most of the stock of this variety being mixed. Where this old sort has been the favorite try Hall's pedigree seed. The demand for my seed of this variety increases every season. My seed are fine, try them, order early. Price per peck 75c; bushel, \$1.60; barrel, \$4.25.

**THORBOURN**—A very desirable early variety, very productive and excellent quality. It is a seedling from Beauty of Hebron, which it somewhat resembles, but it is a decided improvement on that variety. If you have been planting Beauty of Hebron, plant Hall's High Bred Thorbourn and you will have a much better potato every way. Price, per peck, 75c; per bushel, \$2.00; per barrel, \$4.50.

**EARLY PURITAN**—Of handsome, oblong shape; the skin and flesh are firm and white. It cooks dry and floury, and is of excellent quality; it is very productive. The vines are vigorous, upright growth, and the potato matures as early as the Early Rose. Our second crop seed are fine. Price, per peck, 75c; per bushel, \$2.00; per barrel, \$4.50.

**THE POLARIS**—This potato was originated in Northern Vermont. It seems to be identical both in growth and appearance to the Early Puritan. It is being planted in some sections very extensively and has given the very best of satisfaction. Price, same as Early Puritan.

**EARLIEST IN THE WORLD.**—This is one of the earliest potatoes grown. It is a good strong grower with rose pink in color, the flesh is white and quality good. Price per peck, 85 cents; bushel, \$2.00; barrel, \$5.00.

### MEDIUM LATE VARIETIES.

I cannot grow two crops the same season from late potatoes, and the two varieties named below are only one crop seed, planted late in the season.

White Star, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$4.00.

Burbank Seedling, per peck, 60 cents; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$4.00.

### HALL'S POTATO CULTURE.

How to grow them in the largest quantity and finest quality, with the least expenditure of time and labor, carefully considering all the latest improvements in this branch of agriculture. Price, by mail, 10 cents, in cash or stamps. Sent with an order that amounts to \$2.00. Please say you want it.



## POTATO GROWERS.

If you wish to raise your own second crop seed I can furnish you first crop matured seed, which are the only ones that will come up with any certainty. To grow a second crop our potatoes will be ready about the 15th of July. Must have all orders by the 1st of July.

## Fruit Growers Please Read.

We have been engaged in raising plants and fruit for market for twenty-six years, and purchasers cannot fail to appreciate the advantage of dealing directly with a well known fruit grower until he gives him a trial. It has been 18 years since we issued our first catalogue. At that time our business was very small in comparison to its present proportions. We give special attention to our stock, in the selection and care of it, fruit growers cannot but realize that success depends upon getting genuine well grown plants, carefully packed. If it is going to take the same fertilizer, care, and attention to grow a crop of berries (which everyone is aware that it does), why not buy *full grown, large and vigorous* plants to commence with. I find the pedigree of plants is just as important as of animals. We have for years made a careful selection of all stock, therefore feel perfectly satisfied that it will give perfect satisfaction. We have for sale this season fine PEDIGREE plants, true to name, freshly dug from new beds that were never allowed to fruit. The past fall was very favorable for the growth of plants, therefore I have a tremendous stock, *free from all disease*, to offer to my patrons this spring. Some Western, as well as some other nurserymen, claim through their catalogue, that Maryland grown stock is very inferior to their growing. I challenge any grower to produce finer, larger, healthier, or better rooted plants than I can. We also claim that we can trim and pack our plants as well as any other nurseryman in the business. In no other article of merchandise should quality count more than in plants. Good plants cannot be sold below a certain rate anymore than good clothes at a low price without a loss to some one. We are not only anxious to sell, but always like to hear good reports from them, which we most always do. We do not send plants to our patrons that we would not use for our own use. We always aim to give good count and will correct all mistakes. Our aim is to treat our customers so as to make of each a friend. Our sincere wish is to make every transaction agreeable to our patrons as well as to ourselves. The price of our stock this year is more moderate than many who are in the business. In cases where parties expect to order largely we would like an opportunity to price their list. We ship plants to all parts of the country, giving entire satisfaction. As some varieties are always sure to be exhausted later in the season I would advise all orders to be sent in early. We sell largely to nurserymen and dealers. We warrant all stock true to name.

Should anyone fail to get such plants as herein described, we hold ourselves ready to fill any order gratis; but are not liable to damages otherwise. Upon your satisfaction rests our success.

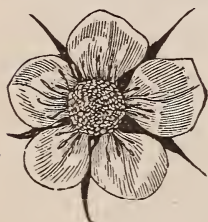
As soon as plants are received, take them from the packages, loosen the bunches, puddle the roots, and heel them in moist soil. Shade them from the sun with boards until ready to plant. Treated in this way scarcely a plant will fail to grow. Don't leave them in the packages and pour water on them, as some do, for by so doing the plants will certainly heat and spoil. When ready to set put plants in a pail with water enough to cover the roots, and take out as wanted—not dropping them along the row to lie in the sun or wind. Always press the earth very firmly about the roots. Do not plant too deep; never cover the crown.



# STRAWBERRIES.



The first fruit of the season; so healthful, delicious, refreshing and so easy of culture that no one should think of passing a single day during the fruiting season without a plentiful supply on the table. Plant them everybody. Let every family rejoice in a patch of strawberries. It is the most profitable fruit that can be grown, and pays much better than wheat and corn.



PERFECT.

cess depends in a great measure in getting fine, healthy plants, *strictly pure* and true to name, this we know our plant to be.

The blossoms of all varieties are bi-sexual or perfect. Those marked (P) are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate or imperfect, as are shown by the following figures. Imperfect varieties must have a row of perfect flowered sorts planted every third or fourth row at least, to pollinize their blossoms. When the imperfect bloomers are properly fertilized they are the most prolific and there is no reason for any prejudice against them. Success



IMPERFECT.

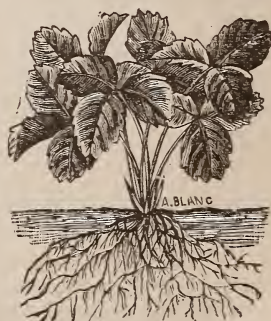


50 GOOD PLANTS.

surface, and after the plant is set the soil should be leveled down around it.

Packing is done in the very best manner and delivered at Marion Station, for which we make no charge. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of moss, and pack according to the distance to insure safe arrival, and carefully separate, and mark each different variety. Mail orders are packed in moss and wrapped in oil and strong manilla paper. We have low freight and express rates.

The cut here shows you a good plant set properly. The top of the crown where the leaves come out should be just above the



SET JUST RIGHT.

Bergen county. N. J., October 21, 1897. Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—Of the the second crop seed potatoes I bought from you last spring I can say this: I grown exceedingly fine potatoes, good in quality and big in yield. I had one barrel only, one half Crown Jewel the other half Vick's Early Pride, from the above I grew 112 bushels which I think is a big yield for early varieties.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES McDOWELL.

T. C. Kevitt of N. J., says:—Glen Mary is the best strawberry on earth. The man who plants Glen Mary will have a Klondike at home. We are going to set out six acres of Glen Mary in the spring of '98. We have fruited it now for two years and have tested one thousand varieties, and this is the best of all.



# Hall's Favorite, —

## THE COMING NEW STRAWBERRY

Received Highest Praise by All Who Have Seen It in Fruit.



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**HALL'S FAVORITE.**—This valuable new berry was offered for sale the first time in the spring of 1897. It comes the nearest to perfection of any berry I have yet seen. One large fruit grower said when he saw the Hall's Favorite "The climax is reached." The Hall's Favorite is a chance seedling originated at the Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm in the year 1891, found among many other seedlings, and its exact origin is not known, no one should fail to give it a trial. I have been in the fruit business for twenty-six years, and during that time I have had numerous varieties of strawberries, but Hall's Favorite, best of



all, is the *strongest grower* of any variety I have grown or seen grown. The foliage is heavy and thick enough to protect blossoms from frost, and for mulch in winter. I have seen the vines stand from twelve to eighteen inches high on ordinary land, and upon opening the vines at fruitage, there was as fine fruit as any one could wish to see. Season for ripening early to medium. It grows very quick from blossom, and ripens its whole crop in a very short time. Its blossom is perfect, and it is a good pollenizer for pistillate varieties. The berries are large and perfect in form, more so than any other varieties I have yet seen. The fruit is wonderful and as smooth and regular as though moulded. During the six years that we have fruited them, we have never seen any ill-shaped or coxcombed berries, coloring all over uniform, and large in size through the season. The color is of a rich crimson, the flesh highly colored through and through and of the very best quality. The plants are perfection of vigor and of luxuriant growth, possessing the vitality to make a large number of strong plants; having thick, long matted roots enabling it to withstand severe drouth and wet weather without injury. The berry is firm and will stand shipment to distant markets. I have shipped them to Boston, Providence and New York. It sells on sight, customers want it in preference to any other varieties. The past two seasons it sold in New York at 20c per quart, other varieties 9c and 10c, see testimonials printed herein. When crated with its regular large size and its beautiful color makes it one of the handsomest berries ever seen, they sell on sight. **This variety has not yet fruited from home only at the Maryland and Ohio Experiment Stations, where it has fruited four years,** except on spring set plants, on which it succeeded over a wide range of country as we predicted, judging from the many flattering testimonials.

Knowing well that so many new varieties of strawberries that are put on the market have no special merit what ever we would not offer this wonderful berry to the public until we were satisfied of its superiority over other varieties. If your object is to grow fancy berries for either home use or fancy trade, that will be large, showy and sell for top prices, Hall's Favorite

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 We notice in the Rural New  
 Yorker of July 17, 1897, in a re-  
 port on strawberries, a berry call-  
 ed "Hall" from David Baird &  
 Son of Manalapan, N. J. This is  
 a distinct variety from the Hall's  
 favorite which I am offering.  
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is what you want. For a long time berry growers have been wanting a **better berry than the Bubach No. 5** we have it in the Hall's Favorite. It ripens earlier, has a perfect blossom, runs larger in size throughout the season, is more productive, firmer, a better carrier, of better quality than the Bubach, and as a grower the Bubach is no comparison. The Hall's Favorite excelled any variety we had on the **Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm** again the past season, it had a fine crop of fruit that sold well in market. Another feature to commend the Hall's Favorite is that it remains a perfect stand of plants so long a time on old beds. The past two seasons which were so unfavorable to berries here, I had the Favorite on old beds that had on one side Haverland and on the other Warfield No. 2. The Haverland and Warfield had about one half a stand of plants and a very light crop of berries, while the Hall's Favorite had a perfect stand of plants that produced a fine crop of berries.

If berry growers could only be convinced of its real merits we could not begin to supply the demand. Anyone at all interested in strawberries should not let this valuable variety go another year untried. My stock is all grown from pedigree plants, which have been selected each year, and not permitted to fruit. The plants I shall send out this season are so large and fine they will please all who see them. Be sure and get the genuine Hall's Favorite.



I offer \$100 for 100 plants or \$50 for 50 plants of any new strawberry that will beat the five great qualities of the Hall's Favorite, viz: Its vigor of growth, productiveness, quality, size, and shipping qualities. We mean what we say. If you think you have anything better send us the plants, your name and address plainly written, and write us saying they are to be tested against the Hall's Favorite. They will be planted by the side of Hall's Favorite given the same treatment, and if they prove to be superior as above stated, you will receive your money July 1, 1899,

## See a Few of the Testimonials.

From our catalogue of 1896:—"Berry growers, we have a new strawberry called the Hall's Favorite, that is superior to anything that we have seen and we have been growing strawberries for the past twenty-five years, and we have been in the nursery business since 1880, and during that time we have grown numbers of varieties but, the Hall's Favorite surpasses them all; also pronounced by good judges to be the best variety grown. All persons interested in strawberries are invited to come and see them in fruiting. If you wish to see them let me know and I will let you know when to come. And of course we have had a great many successful strawberry growers from different sections to see our new berry. They have been examined by experts. One and all who have seen them urge their prompt introduction."

From THE STRAWBERRY CULTURIST, Nov. 1, 1896, Edited by W. F. Allen, Jr., Salisbury, Md.:—"As seen by the writer on Mr. Hall's farm, the Hall's Favorite is a good berry. I am not prepared to say, however, that it is more productive than the Bubach. It is certainly very large and fine colored; it is better quality than Bubach by far, and as a grower the Bubach is no comparison. Hall's Favorite would equal the Crescent in plant-growth when I saw it in fruit. It had not been picked for several days, and notwithstanding it was rainy at the time, it seemed to be about as firm as Bubach. The plant is entirely healthy."

January 18, 1897, John W. Hall, Esq., Marion Station, Md. Dear Sir:—Replying to your request for an expression of opinion with reference to your Hall's Favorite strawberry, I do not hesitate to say that, as I saw it in your field during the past season, it was the greatest berry I think I ever saw. It is perhaps the largest of all very large berries; ripens as it does a few days later than the very earliest varieties; it is as large or larger, as perfect or more so, possibly, in shape, color and solidity as any other large berry that I have seen; and very prolific. I do not see how it could be more so. It is a marketable berry. It displaces all the large varieties of berries known to this section. I predict for it a great future.

S. FRANK MILES, JR.

New York, May, 1896:—We can strongly recommend the Hall's Favorite strawberry as a good seller and a good carrier, and in fact we may say that we sold said berries at an advance of 5 to 10 cents per quart above other first class berries. The buyers in making up cases on a poor market, standing at the tail of our truck and taking all the Hall's Favorite quick at high prices, in one case of my recollection a wholesale buyer took all the Hall's Favorite at 5 cents per quart more than we asked him for other first-class varieties of your own growing, and left the latter for another customer. My candid opinion is that the Hall's Favorite is the best berry ever raised in your county from every standpoint. Yours respectfully,

J. H. G. ATKINSON.

Salesman for Coons & Cole in 1896.

Again, May 20, 1897:—Sold Hall's Favorite for 20 cents per quart, other varieties 10 to 11 cents. Fancy Hall's Favorite wanted. Can use 100 crates daily.

J. H. G. ATKINSON, now with C. S. Hendrickson, N. Y.

Washington Co., R. I., April 23, 1897. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Strawberry plants received in good condition, and I can say they are the best plants received from any one this season. If I need plants another spring I will know where to look for them.

Respectfully Yours,

GEO. S. CHAPLIN.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12, 1897, John W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Would state that we have handled your Hall's Favorite Strawberry for the past two years and we have always found it to be good sized, of a good rich color, and excellent shipping berry; we honestly think that no better berry was ever shipped from Maryland and we can recommend it most highly. Yours truly,

LORD & SPENCER, Produce Commission Merchants, 21 North Side F. H. Market.

Bulletin 85, September 1897, Ohio Experiment Station. Hall's Favorite is one of the most promising new varieties.

From the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, College Park, Prince Georges Co., Oct. 7, 1896. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor will say, the strawberry we have from you and designated by you, the Hall's Favorite, makes plants and runners freely; the berries are uniform in size; of attractive color and good flavor. I regard it as a good berry for either home use or market purposes. Yours truly, JAMES S. ROBERTSON

Rehoboth, Sept. 26, '96. J. W. Hall, Esq., Marion Station, Md. Dear Sir:—While making my professional rounds last May, I had occasion to pass your model nursery and truck farm near the above named place. It was then and on that farm that my attention was called to several leading varieties of strawberries among which was "Hall's Favorite," a strong staminate variety. It is evidently a strong grower; more productive, larger and more shapely than the Sharpless, or Bubach; color beautiful crimson, flavor, good; sub acid, hence a good shipper, maturing with Crescent seedling. In short it is, in my opinion, the berry par excellence. It is here to stay. Please book me for 1000. F. A. ADAMS, M. D.

Parsonville, Somerset Co., Md J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Your Hall's Favorite strawberry, as I saw them at your place, is the finest I ever saw. They have every quality you claim for them. They cannot be beat. Yours truly, E. S. PARSONS.

**NICK OHMER**—Originated by Mr. John T. Beaver, who is conceded to be the most successful amateur fruit grower in Ohio. Named after Mr. Nick Ohmer, ex-President of the Ohio State Horticultural Society.

After watching the Nick Ohmer three years and hearing how it has behaved wherever I sent it for trial, never having received one unfavorable report on it, I am confident that it is one of the most desirable, if not the very best, ever sent out. There is no other in the market, or in sight that I would plant with as much confidence. If restricted to a single variety it would be my first choice without a moments hesitation. The plant is very large and stocky, sending out plenty of



NICK OHMER.

very strong runners. It is probably not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshaped. Its only departure from the regular roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor.

M. CRAWFORD.





**CLYDE**—This berry seems to be gaining great favor wherever known. It is as large as the Bubach, nearly or quite a week earlier and very much firmer. It is a strong staminate and therefore suitable for pollenizing medium early pistillate varieties. The plant is very vigorous and healthy, there being no trace of disease about it. The foliage is light green in color and somewhat resembles the Haverland, but it is a more upright and sturdy grower. Season of ripening, medium early. Berries scarlet in color and very productive. Its strong plants with an abundance of strong and long roots, which penetrate the soil deeper than most varieties, enable it to withstand drouth remarkably well. It is considered by good judges to be one of the best ever sent out.—Originator's description.

We have not yet fruited this berry, but have a fine stock of plants.



**GLEN MARY.**—Vigorous and prolific berries, large, mostly irregular, often flattened and ribbed, but seldom coxcombed, dark scarlet, glossy, beautiful, although an occasional specimen is not well colored. Flesh light red, moderately firm and of good quality. Season medium to late. For home use and near market, this is an unusually promising variety. It may not be sufficiently firm for long shipment, although it excels Brandywine, Sharpless and Marshall in productiveness. It has fruited here one season only, but it has decided merits, that there can be little danger in recommending it.—Ohio Experiment Station, September, 1897.

Glen Mary has not yet fruited at the Somerset Fruit and Plant Farm. We have a nice stock of plants as firm and as true as you can get.

**STAR**—Of this variety the introducer says: "We would like to see every



grower in the country test this variety as we feel sure they will obtain something decidedly superior to anything ever before on the market. The berry measures six to seven inches in circumference on an average, and is as near perfect in shape as possible; all berries large no small or ill-shaped ones during the entire season. Quality is of the best. In productiveness we have never seen the equal of the Star. It matures all its berries in a dry season, possessing the greatest drouth resisting qualities of any berry we are acquainted with, having matured a full crop when all the ordinary varieties were complete failures. The plant is a vigorous and strong grower, with healthy, foliage, deep rooted and very prolific;

being a staminate or perfect flower. Season of ripening is second early. For profit we know of no berry which will equal it. When planted by the side of Bubach, Haverland, Warfield, Sharpless and several of the newer varieties, the comparison was very plainly visible. Its superiority in every point was very marked, both in quality, size and productiveness. Placing some of the berries on the market they readily brought a fancy price, the average being at wholesale 17 cents, at a time when no other sort would have brought over 6 cents.

**BUBACH NO. 5**—The Bubach is very popular and one of the best berries in every respect. The foliage is very large, dark green and very healthy; it grows strong and vigorous and is very productive. The fruit is of very uniform large size, bright crimson color, of good quality. Medium early, continues long time in bearing. My stock is strictly pure, the largest I have ever had and will please all.

**RIDGEWAY**—Plants large and stalky, possessing the ability to make a large number of strong healthy plants. Leaf large, heavy and dark green in color. Blossoms perfect: a good pollenizer for pistillate varieties as it remains in bloom for a long time; an ideal plant. Berry large to very large, the typical form nearly round; largest specimens broadly ovate: always smooth, color, crimson with golden seeds. Firm for so large a berry and will stand shipping to distant market, except in a very wet time; quality as good as the best, an almost ideal berry, and one that will command fancy prices on any market.—Originator's description. I have not fruited the berry.

**JESSIE.**—Its quality is high and size large. Succeeds on strong rich land. It has local habits, with some fine, with others a failure.

**BISMARCK**—The Bismark is a seedling of Bubach No. 5. Resembles Bubach in general appearance, but a more robust grower and is even more productive. The berries are very fine, being extra large, firm and solid, coloring all over a brilliant scarlet, of excellent quality in form it is obtuse-conical and very seldom coxcombed. A decided improvement upon Bubach and valuable for any purpose. Mid-season.

**MARGUERITE**.—Plants moderately vigorous and prolific berries, medium to large, with ordinary cultivation, and of uniform size, mostly conical, but sometimes irregular, color bright glossy scarlet, firm and of excellent quality, Season medium to late under high cultivation. The Marguerite has given surprising results. It has been grown here two seasons with ordinary care, and has proved to be satisfactory, although not very strong in growth. For fancy berries it is unsurpassed, and would probably prove to be a profitable market sort in many sections. Growers generally will most likely want something more vigorous and prolific however.—Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.



**HAVERLAND**—Of great value everywhere. It is a vigorous grower, productive, fruit is very large, moderately firm, bright glossy crimson color, of good quality. This is a grand berry, one of the very best introduced for several years. I say plant it. It will please; season early medium. We have a fine stock of pedigree plants.



**RIO**—This is a good early variety; large for an early berry. It has a strong healthy foliage, perfect bloom, not quite as early as the Michael's Early, but follows closely after it. The fruit is large in size, beautifully colored, firm, and a good shipper. It is very productive, having a large calyx which makes it look very handsome in the basket.

**OCEAN CITY**—This berry is a product of the Wilson, Albany and Sharpless strawberries. In size it is unusually large, of good color and flavor, with excellent carrying qualities. Plant is very vigorous in growth, large broad green leaves and ripens all over. Medium late. Our plants are fine.

**ENHANCE**.—A vigorous and healthy grower, with dark green foliage. Develops massive crowns, flower perfect; one of the most prolific in pollen; berries large size, very firm, bright crimson color.

**LOVETT**—This is a variety that succeeds everywhere so far as I know. Fruit medium to large, firm and of good quality, very productive, plant vigorous and hardy; reliable market berry; mid-season.



**TENNESSEE PROLIFIC**—Is one of good medium early variety, large size and quite productive. It is very vigorous, healthy, with never a spot of rust. I believe it is a variety that will do well under most any circumstances. It has a strong staminate blossom and is especially valuable as a pollinizer. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world.

**ANNIE LAURIE**—This plant is from Ohio where it has been very favorably received. The plant is strong and stocky, with luxuriant healthy foliage, and bears well on both light and heavy soil. The fruit is medium size, light glossy color, almost round; moderately firm and of fine quality.

**LEADER**—This berry, when everything is favorable, is very fine. It is large in size, medium early, best quality, and very attractive. It commands good prices in market. In stiff springy soil it will please.

**GANDY**—The best late strawberry yet introduced, and the leading late variety with fruit growers all over the country. In size and firmness it is all that can be desired, good grower, the berries are large, very uniform, bright crimson color, handsome and showy, firm and of good quality. With good soil and good culture it cannot be excelled as a late berry. Succeeds everywhere, and should have a place in every strawberry bed. We can supply our customers with fine plants.

**ENORMOUS**—This variety is not yet known to many, but in a few years will take a more prominent place on the strawberry list than the Bubach, this being originated by the well-known J. G. Bubach, who says: "I consider it equal to the best I ever saw and I have been fruiting all the best kinds introduced for over thirty-five years. Not satisfactory with me.

**DAYTON**—Above medium in size, quite productive, quality high, foliage good, season quite early. It is a good yielder of very fine fruit.

**MARY**—The berries are uniformly of conical form, with berries apex, regular in size and shape, deep crimson in color of poor quality. Its great firmness and solidity render it of exceptional value for distant shipments.

**WILSON**.—Too well known to need description.

**CUMBERLAND TRIUMPH**.—A strong, healthy grower, moderately productive, fruit large,

**MURRAY'S**.—Extra; a good grower, claimed to be as early as Mitchel's Early, more productive and larger, and a better shipper. It has not fruited here.

**MITCHEL'S EARLY**.—One of the best very early sorts, grown in many sections. We have a very fine and large stock of splendid plants.

**MEEK'S EARLY**.—Originated with James Meek, of Anne Arundel Co., Md. Blossoms perfect. Plants large and stalky, resembling Bubach in this respect, time of ripening with the very earliest. Such as Hoffman, Mitchel's Early, etc., being large and more firm than any except the Hoffman. It is destined to become the leading berry of many sections: the plants are large and a fine grower. My stock is fine.

**BISEL**.—Originated by D. L. Bisel in 1887, a seedling of the Wilson. It is very productive, fruit large and of fine appearance, firm and of good quality, a good shipping berry. It was awarded first premium by the Marion County Horticultural Society three years in succession. Promising market sort. Mid season.



TENNESSEE PROLIFIC. 





HOFFMAN SEEDLING.

**HOFFMAN SEEDLING.**—The true stock is one of the earliest, good size, and the firmest of all early kinds. Being one of the most popular varieties grown in the south for northern markets. Beware of mixed plants, for the country is flooded with such stock. We are headquarters for genuine pure Hoffman plants. We have reports from different sections of the country, stating that they raised the finest and largest crops from our Hoffman plants. We have a large stock of fine plants.

**WARFIELD NO. 2**—This is a good berry. It is hard to tell which is the most productive, Warfield or Haverland. It is good size and uniform, striking in beauty. It is one of the leading market berries, of excellent flavor, dark brilliant red color, firm and one of the best shippers. It is a vigorous grower, perfectly healthy and very productive; ripens with the Crescent, but much better. It commands good prices in the market. My plants are very fine this year.

**CRESCENT.**—Too well known to need description. My stock of this old variety is large and fine.

**CLOUD.**—A strong, vigorous grower, very productive and very firm, season medium.

**BRANDYWINE**.—This new variety after thorough test, receives the most unstinted praise. Plants vigorous, healthy, hardy and very perfect, Blossoms perfect, fruit large, of good form; bright red all over, bearing a good crop; season medium to late. A good one.

**IDEAL**.—After fruiting this berry the past season, I am more impressed than ever with its dark scarlet color. Seeds sufficiently prominent to make it a first-class shipper. Flesh very firm, deep scarlet color to the very centre, rich and high flavor, productive. Season about four days ahead of Bubach.

**ORIOLE**.—Medium to early, with pistillate blossoms, dark scarlet color, flesh firm, rich and high flavor, productive.

**BRUNETTE**.—A new variety from Indiana, which we have not fruited. It made a splendid growth, although the drouth was severe; foliage is healthy, free from rust, multiplies freely. The berries are said to be remarkably fine quality, from medium to large in size; uniformly round, and perfect in shape; dark crimson color, firm, very rich and luscious; handsome and attractive, commanding highest price in market.

**GARDNER**.—From Iowa came this promising new strawberry, where the seedling was accidentally found. The plant grows well, is strong, robust and healthy. The berries are crimson, very firm and of excellent quality, stands shipping well, is quite like the Manchester in productiveness and form, but of better color, firmer and has a perfect blossom. Early.

**WM. BELT**.—The plant is a luxuriant grower and very productive. It has a perfect blossom, the fruit is the largest we ever saw. On more than one occasion we have had 12 berries that measured a quart; the first berries to ripen are very apt to be coxcombed but all the others are of regular conical form. They color all over and are as red and glossy as any in cultivation, as firm as other berries and among the best in quality.—M. Crawford.

**LADY THOMPSON**.—This was originated in Wayne county, N. C., with Mr. Thompson, whose name it bears. The berries are good size and productive; too soft for distant markets. I have good reports from it in some sections; not profitable with me. My plants of it are very fine.

**TUBBS**.—A firm solid berry, originated in Anna Arundel Co., Md., where it has been grown for market for the past five years. Berries large, deep crimson, firm, of fine quality. Plants large and vigorous, a good bearer, very promising for shipment to market. Early.

**SUNNYSIDE**.—Originated in Massachusetts. This is what the introducer says about this berry: "It is the latest, is vigorous, and never rusts, is immensely productive. It is by all odds the handsomest berry ever exhibited, and would be selected among a hundred."

**GREENVILLE**.—This berry has become generally known throughout the country. It is a vigorous grower and very productive of large size berries. Many who fruited it last season speak of it in the highest terms. With me it is very soft.

**SHARPLESS**.—Strong vigorous grower, very large, good quality, and very popular. My plants are very fine.

**ELEANOR**.—Introduced in 1895, by J. T. Lovett Co., Little Silver, N. J. The introducer has sent out many valuable berries, of him I obtained the Eleanor. It is uniform in size, color and shape, never coxcombed, coloring all over when ripe; a perfect blossom; very firm, of a scarlet color, ripening early.

**MARSHALL**.—A large fine berry for the amateur. It is of a dark crimson color, firm, flesh highly colored and of superior quality.

**BARTON'S ECLIPSE**.—Large, of the same family as Haverland. The fruit is very large, of good form and color. It will make a great market berry, as it ripens medium early. It makes a large crop of fine berries.

**WOLVERTON**.—A splendid berry and a pollenizer of strongest potency. Foliage very vigorous, berries large, bright color and good. Succeeds every where. Medium early.



# PRICE LIST.

We will send strawberry plants at dozen rates by mail postage paid, but at hundred rates persons must add 20 cents to pay postage. Those marked (Imp.) have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety marked (Per.) to fruit them.

I will furnish 6 of a kind at 12 rates, 50 at 100 rates, 500 at 1000 rates.

	12	100	1000
Annie Laurie (Per).....	\$0 30	\$0 50	\$5 00
Bubach No. 5 (Imp) .....	20	50	2 50
Brandywine (Per).....	20	50	3 00
Bismarck (Per).....	25	80	2 00
Barton's Eclipse (Per).....	20	75	2 50
Bedar Wood (Per).....	20	60	1 75
Brunette (Per).....	30	75	5 00
Clyde (Per).....	£0	60	4 00
Crescent (Per).....	20	40	1 50
Cloud (Imp).....	20	40	2 00
Cumberland Triumph (Per).....	20	50	2 50
Dayton (Per).....	20	50	2 50
Eleanor (Per).....	20	75	2 00
Enhance (Per).....	25	50	2 00
Enormous (Per) .....	25	80	5 00
Glen Mary (Imp).....	30	80	6 00
Gandy (Per).....	20	60	2 50
Greenville (Imp).....	20	60	2 50
Gardner (Per).....	20	60	3 00
Haverland (Per).....	20	50	2 00
Hoffman (Per).....	20	50	2 00
Hall's Favorite (Per).....	50	2 00	15 00
Ideal (Per).....	30	1 00	4 00
Jessie (Per).....	20	75	3 00
Lovett (Per).....	20	50	2 25
Lady Thompson (Per).....	20	50	2 00
Leader (Per).....	25	50	3 00
Marshall (Per).....	30	60	4 00
Marguerite (Per).....	60	2 50	20 00
Mitchel's Early (Per).....	20	40	1 50
Mary (Imp).....	20	50	2 50
Murray (Imp).....	20	50	3 00
Meek's Early (Per).....	20	£0	2 00
Nick Ohmer (Per).....	2 00	10 00	
Ocean City (Per).....	20	65	4 00
Oriole (Per).....	20	50	3 00
Parker Earle (Per).....	30	75	5 00
Rio (Per).....	20	50	2 25
Ridgway (Per).....	50	1 50	12 00
Sunnyside (Per).....	30	80	4 00
Sharpless (Per).....	20	50	2 50
Star (Per).....	75	4 00	25 00
Tennessee Prolific (Per).....	20	50	2 00
Tubbs (Per).....	30	50	2 50
Wm. Belt (Per).....	25	80	5 00
Warfield No. 2 (Imp).....	20	50	1 75
Wilson (Per).....	20	50	3 00
Woolverton (Imp).....	20	50	2 50

It sometimes occurs that we can make better prices. Send list of wants with varieties. We catalogue only the best.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

BY MAIL, POST-PAID FOR \$1.00.

NO. 1—6 Hall's Favorite, 12 Clyde, 12 Ideal, 12 Glen Mary.

NO. 2—12 Wm. Belt, 6 Marguerite, 12 Marshall, 12 Lloyd's Favorite, 12 Ocean City.

NO. 3—12 Hall's Favorite, 12 Brandywine, 12 Annie Laurie, 12 Mary.

NO. 4—25 Haverland, 25 Brandywine, 25 Tennessee Prolific, 25 Warfield.

BY EXPRESS, NOT PRE-PAID, FOR \$10.00.

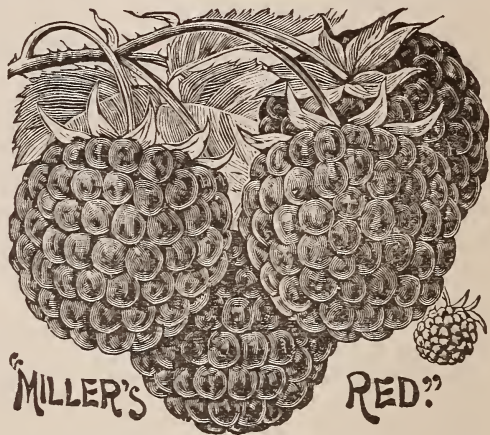
NO. 5—500 Hall's Favorite, 500 Miller Red Raspberry, 50 Austin's Improved Dewberry.

Please order by numbers

## RASPBERRIES.

**CULTURE.**—The culture of these is about the same as that of the blackberry, after preparing the soil the same as for strawberries. Set plants  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart and 3 feet apart in the row. Plant only when the ground is moist, press the soil firmly about the roots with your feet. Work as you would corn or potatoes, and practice level culture. Prune in the spring. After fruiting cut out and burn all old wood and young canes, but the three best; this destroys all insects and rust that may occur. Give good culture until mid-summer, when cultivation should cease so that the canes may ripen before winter.

**MILLER RED RASPBERRY.**—This new raspberry originated in Sussex county, Del. It has been kept from the public for some years by a few growers who preferred to market the fruit rather than sell the plants. Only a short description is necessary. The bush is a short, healthy, vigorous grower, not quite so tall as Cuthbert but rather more stocky and dwarfish. It is well calculated to hold up the immense crop of fruit with which it loads itself. As compared with Cuthbert and Thompson, growing in the same field, it has never yet shown any sign of winter killing while these have both suffered in mild winters, the berry is as large as Cuthbert, holding its size to the end of the season, round in shape, color bright red, does not fade but will hold its color longer after shipment than any other red variety, core very small, does not crumble, making it the finest and best shipping berry in existence, has not the flat taste of some varieties but a rich fruity flavor entirely its own. The time of ripening is with the very earliest. The first picking being with Thompsons Early, June 11th, the Miller producing double the quantity of berries at each picking that Thompson did in the same field under the same conditions fully as prolific as Cuthbert. It does not seem particular as to soil, having been fruited on light sandy, gravely and heavy clay soils with equal success.



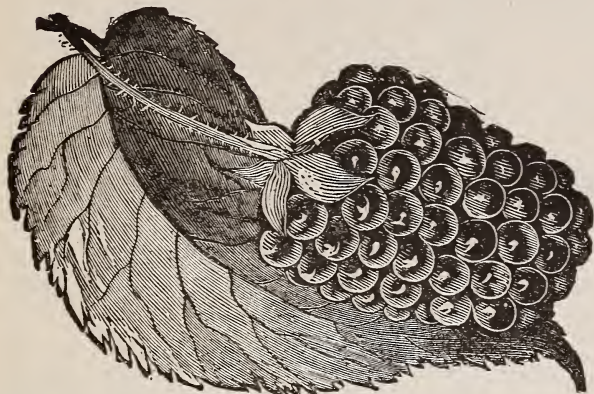
Uniting as it does, large size, beautiful color, great firmness, attractive appearance, with vigorous, strong, upright habit, hardy canes, earliness and great productiveness, it is indeed a most valuable red raspberry. We have a fine and large stock of plants. 50 cents per dozen by mail, post paid; \$1.00 per 100 by mail, post paid; \$5.00 per 1000 by express, not paid.

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Delaware.....	10	1 00	5 00	15	1 50	7 50
Empire State.....	15	1 25	6 00	20	2 50	18 00
Agawam .....	10	1 25	5 00	12	2 75	7 00
Catawba.....	10	1 00	5 00	12	1 50	6 00
Salem.....	10	1 00	4 00	12	1 25	6 00
Warden.....	10	1 00	4 00	12	1 25	5 00
Moor's Early.....	10	1 00	4 00	12	1 25	5 00
Brighton .....	10	1 00	4 00	12	1 25	5 50
Moore's Early.....	10	1 00	5 00	15	1 50	7 00
Niagara.....	15	1 00	4 00	15	1 00	6 00
Wyoming.....	12	1 00	4 00	15	1 00	6 00

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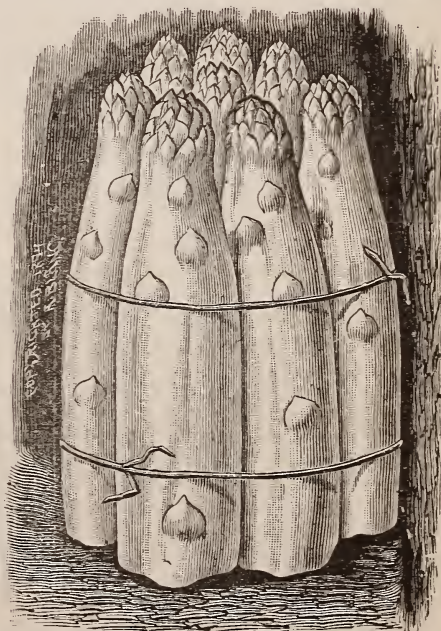
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Kent county, Md, October 5, 1897. Dear Sir:—The plants arrived in good condition, and are in excellent shape. We picked samples from each variety and found them to be O. K. Yours very truly, FRED. G. USILTON.

Parksley, Va., March 27, 1897. J. W. Hall, Esq. Dear Sir:—The 4000 strawberry plants came promptly and in good order, they are very nice. Send by express 1000 more Hoffmans at the earliest date. Yours sincerely, H. E. VAN DEMON.

Norfolk, Va, April 17, 1897. J. W. Hall, Esq. Dear Sir:—Plants arrived O. K., in fine condition. Yours truly, W. W. OLIVER.

Sussex County, Del., Sept. 24, 1897. Mr. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—I concluded to write and tell you that the plants I received from you last spring are looking fine. Yours truly, C. H. HITCHINS.

Middlesex County, N. J., March 9, 1897. Mr. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Hall's Favorite plants just at hand; plants in fine order. Thanks. WM. T. WOMER.

Hillsborough county, Fla., April 4, 1897. Mr. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—I received those plants and set them on the 12th, was pleased with plants and count. I lost but 13 plants out of 1030. Yours respectfully, R. W. VAN VLECK.

Sullivan county, N. H, August 5, 1897. Mr. J. W. Hall. Dear Sir:—As I have been very busy this spring, I have neglected to write and let you know about the plants. They were received and in good condition only 12 of the number died. The asparagus plants were good and are looking fine. Yours truly, W. STEWART, JR.

Odion county, Tenn., March 31, 1897. Dear Sir:—My plants arrived all right and in good condition. Yours truly, W. H. WADE.

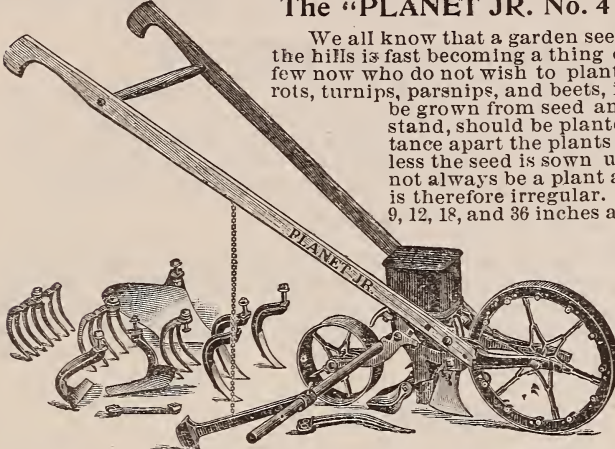
From the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster Co. Ohio, August 18, 1897. John W. Hall. Dear Sir:—Hall's Favorite was very satisfactory again this season. It is comparatively early, large, quite firm, good color and quality; the plants are vigorous and prolific. I think that for an early market berry it will be valuable. This variety has been on trial here four seasons and has shown itself worthy of commendation. Yours truly, W. J. GREEN, Horticulturist,

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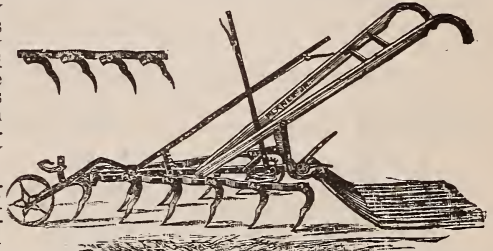
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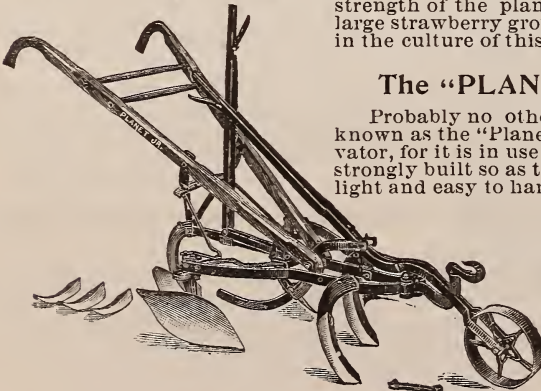


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
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